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Title: Need to relax the existing clearance procedure for overseas recruitment.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I request the Government to kindly redress the grievances of Indian nurses whose hob prospectus in the Gulf countries have been seriously affected by the regulations of the Government. In order to end the exploitation of private recruitment agencies, the Government entrusted two agencies run by the State Government of Kerala and Tamil Nadu as the only authorized agencies to process overseas recruitment. As a result, the protector of Emigrants (PoE) grants clearance to the recruitments undertaken through these two Government –run agencies. PoE denies clearance to all other recruitments even undertaken directly by the Government concerned in the Gulf countries. This has virtually caused a loss of nearly 15000 overseass jobs of nurses. Having understood the seriousness of the issue, the State Government of Kerala and Members of Parliament from the State requested the Government to discontinue the aforesaid practice of the PoE. In response to this, the PoE assured that by 31 March 2016 restrictions on clearance will be lifted. However, till date there has not been relaxation in this regard. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly take urgent steps in this regard.